



South Africa Economic Fact Sheet

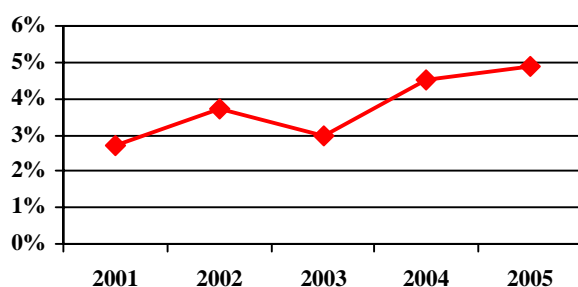
United States Embassy in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA ECONOMIC FACT SHEET

Economic Highlights

- Ten year average real GDP growth: 3.2% (2005)
- Rand (R) appreciation vs. US\$: 40% 2002 to 2005
- Targeted inflation at 3.9% and prime interest rate down to 10.5% (2005)
- S.A. accounted for 39% total Sub-Saharan Africa GDP (2005)

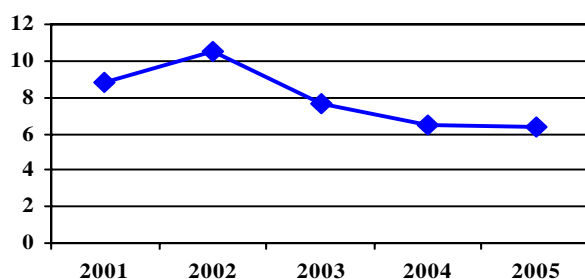
Real GDP Percent Change



(Billions)	2004	2005
Nominal GDP (\$)	\$ 215.0	\$ 239.5
Nominal GDP (R)	R 1,386.7	R 1,523.3
Real GDP, 2000 Prices (R)	R 1,056.8	R 1,108.8
Real GDP % Change (R)	4.5%	4.9%

Population (millions)	46.6	46.9
Real GDP Per Capita (\$)	\$ 3,516	\$ 3,717
Purchasing Power Parity Gross National Income Per Capita (\$)	\$ 10,960	NA

Rand/Dollar Exchange Rate



Development Figures

- S.A. suffers from high unemployment and one of the most unequal income distributions in the world
- Human Development Index (2005): 120 out of 177 countries

Unemployment 2005:

Narrow Definition	26.7%
Broad Definition	38.8%

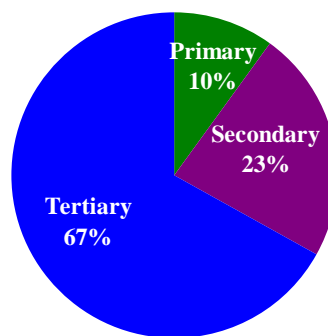
Gini Co-efficient:

1 = Complete Income Inequality; 0 = Complete Income Equality

South Africa (2003)	0.64
Brazil (1998)	0.59
United States (2000)	0.41
Japan/Denmark/Hungary (1993-1998)	0.24 – 0.25

Industry Sectors

Sector Percentage of 2005 GDP



Primary:

Agriculture, Mining

Secondary:

Manufacturing, Construction, Utilities

Tertiary:

Trade, Transport, Services

Sources:



South African Reserve Bank
 Statistics SA
 South African Revenue Service
 South African Institute of Race Relations
 The World Bank
 Human Development Report
 U.S. Department of Commerce

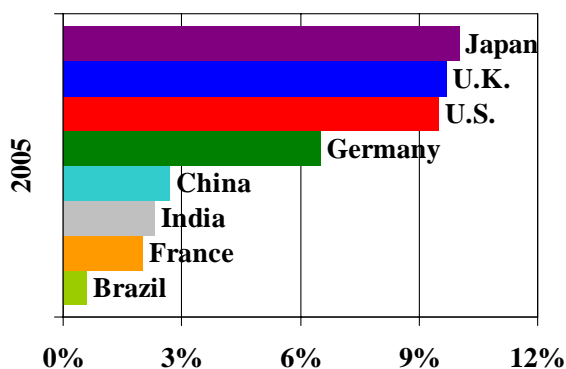
United States Embassy in South Africa

U.S.-South African Trade

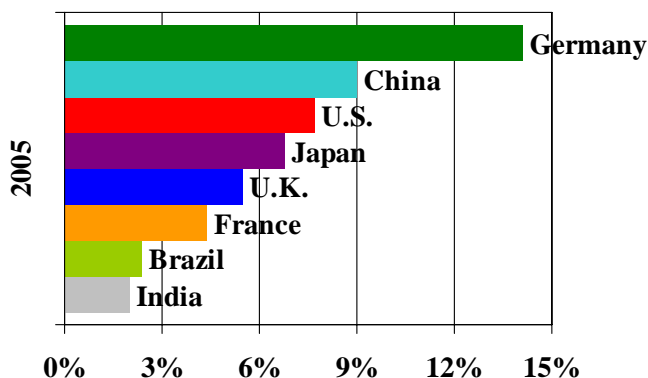
- U.S. is a top 3 import/export partner of S.A. (2005)
- S.A. exports to U.S. were \$5.9 billion in 2004 and 2005, after an increase of 21% from 2003 to 2004
- S.A. AGOA exports to U.S. were \$1.5 billion in 2005

(\$ Millions)	2004	2005
S.A. Exports to U.S.	\$ 5,926	\$ 5,854
S.A. Imports from U.S.	\$ 2,977	\$ 3,652
Total Trade U.S./S.A.	\$ 8,903	\$ 9,506
Total U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa	\$ 44,318	\$ 60,604
S.A.'s share of U.S. Sub-Saharan Africa Trade	20.1%	15.7%

South African Export Destinations



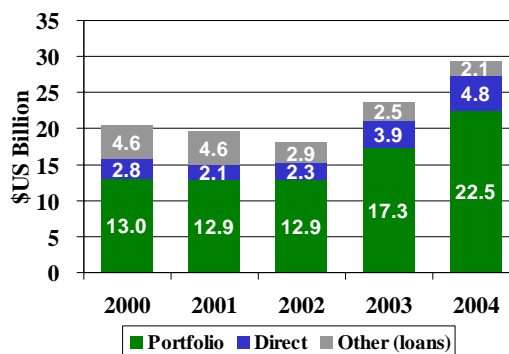
South African Import Sources



U.S. Investment in South Africa

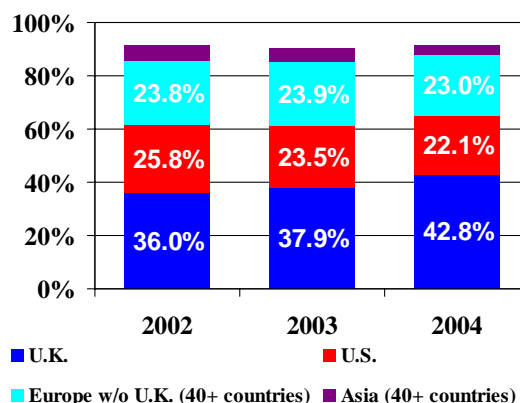
- U.S. is the largest portfolio investor in S.A.
- U.S. is the second largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in S.A. after the U.K.
- Total U.S. FDI Dec. 31, 2004 = \$5 Billion

U.S. Investment In South Africa



Note: Rand amounts converted to dollars using annual average rate

Foreign Investment In South Africa



(R Billions)	2003	2004
FDI	R 303.5	R 355.1
Portfolio	R 307.1	R 352.2
Other (loans)	R 151.0	R 150.8
Total Foreign Investment in S.A.	R 761.7	R 858.0
U.S. % of FDI	9.7%	8.8%
U.S. % of Portfolio Investment	42.5%	41.2%
U.S. % of Total Foreign Investment	23.5%	22.1%

Updated on 09 March 2006

Fact Sheets are released by the Public Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in South Africa
 For further information contact the Public Affairs Officer, United States Embassy, PO Box 9536, Pretoria 0001
 Tel: (+27 12) 431 4386; Fax: (+27 12) 342 2090; Website: <http://southafrica.usembassy.gov>